

CONGRATULATIONS TO SHARP
REES-STEALY ON THEIR 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. BRIAN P. BILBRAY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, in 1923, Time magazine published its first issue, Amelia Earhart received a pilot's certificate, Walt and Roy Disney began a movie studio, and two San Diego physicians joined together to establish the area's first multi-specialty group practice.

The two physician/surgeons, Clarence Rees, M.D. and Clair Stealy, M.D., believed that patient care would be enhanced if doctors representing multiple specialties worked together. Now, 75 years later, Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group is one of the largest multi-specialty groups in Southern California.

In 1923, combining specialties was a bold act, but physicians who joined Rees-Stealy soon learned they were able to collaborate with colleagues from other specialties, vastly improving the diagnostic process and providing comprehensive, efficient and thorough patient care in a cost-effective manner. Because of this, Sharp Rees-Stealy became the official physicians for local schools, the police and fire departments and other civic organizations in addition to serving thousands of San Diegans.

With the group's unique position in the community, Dr. Stealy initiated the first citywide physician referral service for patients and the first (and largest until 1966) medical library in San Diego. He was also instrumental in starting a teaching service at what was then County Hospital, and was a founding member of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Rees was the first member of the American College of Surgeons west of the Mississippi.

Both doctors placed a premium on research as well, establishing the Rees-Stealy Medical Research Foundation in 1938.

In 1976, the first satellite office opened in Mira Mesa, and in 1983, the McCausland-Robinson Medical Clinics of Chula Vista merged with Rees-Stealy.

In 1985, the medical group took another bold step into the future of health care by affiliating with Sharp HealthCare, creating the Sharp Rees-Stealy Medical Group. This joint venture was the first of its kind in San Diego and attracted national attention.

Today, the tradition of quality and caring continues. Sharp Rees-Stealy now has 14 San Diego County locations with more than 280 physicians representing virtually every field of medicine. Sharp Rees-Stealy is one of the few providers who allows its HMO patients to refer themselves to some of its specialists. Patients also have access to 24-hour health care advice, same day primary care appointments, and urgent care centers to deliver care whenever their patients need it.

While times have changed over the last 75 years, the doctors and staff at Sharp Rees-Stealy still believe in old-fashioned quality care with a personal touch. I know that my congressional colleagues will join me in congratulating them on their incredible record and wish them the very best for the next 75 years.

PROFESSOR LARRY HEIMGARTNER

IN HONOR OF JOHN H. BRADLEY

HON. DANA ROHRABACHER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased and honored today to address the House regarding Professor Larry William Heimgartner.

For the past twenty-five years, Mr. Heimgartner has served as a distinguished faculty member of the Los Angeles Harbor College Humanities and Fine Arts Division. He has been a tireless, dedicated professional, who has had a profound impact on the thousands of students who have come under his influence as a mentor, advisor, confidant, counselor and teacher.

Professor Heimgartner is an accomplished playwright, director, and producer. Over the course of his tenure at Harbor College he has written, produced and directed many original theatrical productions, including the one man show "Abraham Lincoln"; the Broadway musical "Grab the Ring"; a musical adaptation of "Alice in Wonderland"; and "Bigger Than Bubblegum," a musical portrayal of the life and times of the 1970's pop group The Emotions.

Professor Heimgartner has long directed his considerable talents and energy toward the education of children. He has written, produced, and directed a series of musical "plays with a moral" for children. These plays are presented annually as a part of the U.S. Marine Corps' "Toys for Tots" program, and as a feature of Harbor College's Summer Children's Theater events. He has also presented "America's Youth," which addresses the challenges confronting our children today, and "Don't Get Too Close," a hard-edged presentation regarding the dangers of AIDS and HIV.

Professor Heimgartner is an educational innovator. He has developed and instituted a variety of laudatory programs for the benefit of his students and the community. He has conducted study programs in Europe through a cooperative exchange program with England's Barnsley College, directed interactive teleconferencing sessions in the state, nation and in the international community, and introduced the More Opportunities for the Developmentally Disabled program. The MODD Squad, as the professor calls it, is an innovative program which provides opportunities for people with disabilities to participate in the College's original dramas.

Larry William Heimgartner is an esteemed and respected faculty member of Harbor College. He is the recipient of the Eugene Pimentel Award for Teaching Excellence, and has been named in Outstanding Young Men of America. As an alumnus of Harbor College, it is with great personal pride that I express my thanks and good wishes to Professor Heimgartner on the occasion of his twenty-fifth anniversary with the College. He is an example of the best of America.

HON. JAY W. JOHNSON

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. JOHNSON of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, later this month, on September 27, 1998, the National Funeral Directors Association will officially dedicate their new headquarters building in Brookfield, Wisconsin. On that day, they will honor and remember a very special man, John H. Bradley of Antigo, Wisconsin. He was a beloved husband and father, a committed community leader, a respected church member, and a funeral director by profession.

When John Bradley passed away in 1994, he left his family and all of his many friends in Antigo with memories of a lifetime of loving concern and head work. They will undoubtedly never forget him.

But there is another reason why John Bradley will never be forgotten. It is the result of a relatively short period in his life when he served his country when the world was at war. It is, not incidentally, a time in his life of which, I am told, John Bradley rarely spoke. I assure you that every day, just a short walk from our Nation's Capitol, thousands of Americans remember and salute him every day. Because John Bradley was one of six Marines who bravely thrust the American Flag into the soil of Mount Suribachi on the Pacific island of Iwo Jima on February 23, 1945. With that one act, John Bradley and his countrymen symbolized this country's fighting spirit and our willingness to sacrifice for freedom and democracy the world over. The planting of our Flag on that day is burned in our nation's history, and it has been rightfully commemorated as the Marine Corps War Memorial today. The valor of those six men has earned the respect of every U.S. citizen who has come after them.

We should always remember that crucial 36-day assault in 1945 on Iwo Jima. Securing the island was vital to our country's position in the Pacific during World War II, but the toll was immense. When the last shot was fired, 6,821 marines gave their lives to the effort, and greater than 20,000 more suffered casualties so that the United States could succeed and freedom could prosper. In the long and venerated history of the Marine Corps, Iwo Jima was the only battle where Marines took more casualties than the enemy.

John Bradley took home the Navy Cross—our country's second highest award for bravery—for his actions at Iwo Jima. As a medical corpsman, he earned the medal for rushing to the aid of two injured Marines, and then protecting them with his body while he treated their wounds. His care for his fellow country men is even more significant because Bradley himself had been shot through both legs just moments before.

How can our nation every repay the enormous sacrifice made by John Bradley and every other serviceman during those torturous battles? we can only come close by honoring their valor and preserving a democracy worthy of their effort.

Mr. Speaker, as a veteran myself, I know my colleagues will join me today in saluting the full life of John Bradley, and his entire family for making Wisconsin and making this country a truly better place.

SAN DIEGO COUNTY BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
1998 JOHNS FELLOWSHIP AWARD-
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HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker and colleagues, I rise today to recognize John Fee as he is honored by the San Diego County Building & Construction Trades Council at the September 19, 1998 John S. Lyons Memorial Banquet for his contributions to the labor movement, his community and to the nation.

John Fee, a Chicago native, has been an active and involved member of his community since early in his life. In high school, he participated in the football and cross country athletic programs, and, at age seventeen, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Fee's twenty year career in the Navy involved operation and maintenance of Naval nuclear power plants and service on nuclear submarines, cruisers and aircraft carriers. It was during his service in the Navy that he earned an undergraduate degree in Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration.

John is an avid traveller and has visited every continent. He planted a U.S. flag during a visit to the North Pole and assisted the Russian Government with building a nuclear power plant.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1984, John went to work at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) in San Diego County and currently serves as its Maintenance Manager. John is responsible for maintenance of the dual reactor plants and supporting systems, and in this capacity, has developed a close relationship with members of the San Diego Building and Construction Trades by relying on them for their skills and expertise.

John has been instrumental in improving the safe working conditions at the SONGS site and has kept the interest of the building trades membership balanced with the multitude of challenges as the electric utility industry goes through the process of deregulation.

John Fee exemplifies the high values, standards and principles of the work of the late John S. Lyons in community service and it truly deserving of the San Diego County Building and Construction Trades Council's 1998 Johns Fellowship Award.

AZERBAIJAN ELECTIONS

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, on October 11, presidential elections will take place in Azerbaijan. At the moment, the leading opposition parties are boycotting the election, largely because of continuing disagreements with the government over the composition of the Central Election Commission. They have embarked on a series of rallies and demonstrations, and the atmosphere in Baku has become quite tense. In fact, Reuters has re-

ported from the opposition that about 100 people were hurt on Saturday during a long rally in the capital's city center.

The National Democratic Institute (NDI) has observers in Azerbaijan in preparation for the October election. According to NDI's statement, "NDI representatives witnessed the attempts of political parties to conduct a publicly-announced rally. The rally was obstructed by police and others who used violence against the demonstrators to prevent a public gathering and disperse them . . . NDI condemns the use of violence by police and others against demonstrators. Such actions violate the Azerbaijani Constitution's guarantees of the rights of free assembly and expression. They raise substantial doubts about whether the official respect for law and dissent that are indispensable for democratic elections exist in Azerbaijan."

Against this background, five Members of the Helsinki Commission, of which I am Co-Chairman, recently sent a letter to President Aliiev, urging him to continue talks with the opposition and find a formula that would permit broad participation in the election. I would like to enter the full text of that letter into the RECORD.

COMMISSION ON SECURITY AND
COOPERATION IN EUROPE,
Washington, DC, August 25, 1998.

His Excellency HEYDAR ALIEV
President, Republic of Azerbaijan, Baku, Azerbaijan

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: The Helsinki Commission has been closely monitoring the preparations for the October 11 presidential election in Azerbaijan. This election is particularly significant and will have major ramifications both on your country's democratization and on the prospects for peace in the Caucasus region.

After years of mutual suspicion and recriminations between the government and the opposition, the upcoming election offers a chance for reconciliation and the establishment of much-needed consensus within Azerbaijani society. An election deemed free and fair by Azerbaijanis and international observers will endow the government with unquestioned legitimacy and help to undo the consequences of the flawed parliamentary election of November 1995.

Moreover, a process of government-opposition reconciliation in Azerbaijan is essential to facilitate a resolution of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict. Though the 1994 cease fire remains in effect, the peace process, unfortunately, has bogged down. In order to restart the negotiations, the parties to the conflict will have to make difficult choices, which will not be politically feasible without strong backing from their electorates.

It is therefore all the more regrettable that major Azerbaijani opposition parties have not found it possible to take part in the election. We recognize that the election law originally passed by parliament, which the opposition found unacceptable, has been substantially modified over the last few months, with input from experts at the OSCE/ODIHR and the National Democratic Institute. Various demands put forward by the opposition have been met. Particularly important was the recent announcement of the abolition of censorship, which, we hope, will be consistently implemented, and will, in fact, signal the end of all political censorship in Azerbaijan.

We commend your willingness to make these changes in the law, and your pledge to hold free and fair elections, in accord with OSCE commitments. Nevertheless, the opposition boycott remains in effect, primarily

because of continued differences over the composition of the Central Election Commission. A presidential election without the leading opposition parties—no matter how many other candidates take part—will not promote stability to resolve the most pressing issues facing Azerbaijan at this historic juncture. With the election now less than two months away, very little time remains to reach agreement. We urge you to redouble your efforts and continue the negotiations which your representatives have already begun with opposition leaders to find a mutually acceptable formula that will permit broad participation in the election.

Sincerely,

CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH,
M.C.,
Co-Chairman.
FRANK R. WOLF, M.C.,
Commissioner.
BENJAMIN L. CARDIN, M.C.,
Commissioner.
ALFONSE D'AMATO, U.S.S.,
Chairman.
STENY H. HOYER, M.C.,
Ranking Member.

TRIBUTE TO EDWARD C. SMITH

HON. HOWARD COBLE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 14, 1998

Mr. COBLE. Mr. Speaker, the American Dream is alive and flourishing. If you do not believe it, just examine the life of Eddie Smith of Lexington, North Carolina.

Eddie celebrated his 80th birthday on September 13, with 400 friends, dancing to the beat of his favorite beach music. Smith might be one of the few octogenarians around who scuba dives, races Ferraris, and flies his own plane.

Eddie Smith was born in Wake County, North Carolina. Orphaned at the age of 10, he was brought to Lexington with his sister and two brothers to live at the Junior Order Orphanage. After graduation in 1937, he remained in Lexington where he began working as an usher at the Carolina Theater, and it was there that he met his future wife, Sarah Lanier.

After his job at the Carolina Theater, Eddie drove a taxicab before starting his own business, National Wholesale Company in 1952. As his business prospered, Eddie shared his good fortune with the community that helped to raise him. He has served as Mayor of Lexington, on the City Council, as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Davidson County Community College, Chairman of First Union National Bank, and Chairman of Lexington Memorial Hospital.

An eternal optimist and visionary, Smith refused to see the old Carolina Theater become a pornographic theater and led an effort to restore the building and create one of the most beautiful Civic Centers in our state. He has been Chairman of the Civic Center, which is named in his honor, for 20 years. He is presently chairing a fund drive to further renovate the Civic Center to make it a state-of-the-art facility.

An inveterate jogger, Smith found a woman in the street, on one of his early morning jogs, who had run away from an abusive husband during the night after being severely beaten. After hours of trying to find a shelter for this